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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. AT CONCLUSION FIRST ROUND USG/GOJ BILATERAL CONSUL-
TATIONS JULY 31 IN WASHINGTON, BOTH SIDES THOUGHT SECOND
SESSION SHOULD BE HELD IN LATE SEPTEMBER. USG SUGGESTED
THIS SECOND SESSION NOT RPT NOT BE HELD IN TOKYO BECAUSE
OF OVERKEEN INTEREST OF JAPANESE MEDIA AND CHEMICAL
FIBER INDUSTRY IN DAILY OUTCOME OF TALKS. GOJ UNDERSTOOD
AND WAS SYMPATHETIC TO USG POINT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF
LEFT TO ITSELF, GOJ WOULD OPT FOR VENUE OUTSIDE OF JAPAN,
I.E., HONOLULU. ACCORDING TO KURODA OF MITI, THE ONLY
REASON WHY GOJ HESITANT ABOUT OUTSIDE VENUE (OTHER THAN
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MEDIA AND CHEMICAL FIBER REACTION) IS FACT THAT ALL GOJ
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN US, INCLUDING HONOLULU, WILL BE
HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH EMPEROR'S VISIT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED CONTACT KURODA OR GOTO OF MITI TO TRY PIN DOWN DEFINITIVE DATE FOR SECOND SESSION. USG PREFERS SEPTEMBER 29 AS STARTING DATE BUT WOULD AGREE TO SEPTEMBER 22 IF NECESSARY. WE STILL BELIEVE NON-JAPANESE VENUE WOULD BE BEST FOR BOTH SIDES

TO ASSURE RELATIVELY PRESSURE-FREE SESSIONS, BUT IF GOJ UNABLE TO GO ALONG WITH USG SUGGESTION, WE WOULD BE WILLING MEET IN TOKYO.

3. IF GOJ CANNOT ACCEPT EITHER OF ABOVE DATES, IT SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT USG HAS OTHER COMMITMENTS FOR OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER AND, HENCE, SECOND SESSION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER. IN THAT CASE, GOJ MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER A GENEVA VENUE, AS GATT TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR LATER THAT MONTH. SISCO

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